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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1914.

—Weather forecast for South Carolina: Rain Friday and in east portion Saturday.

"Cheer up," cries the ground hog, "the worst is yet to come."

Dr. Howard Lee Jones of Charleston says if the Fortner bill passes this legislature, it will be known to history as the "buckra legislature."

February came in with sunshine and blue skies, but that's hardly an index to all the February weather. At least the ground hog says winter will not be over for at least forty days.

"The people should keep an eye on the men they send to the general assembly and check them up according to how they vote on different measures," is the good advice of The Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Governor Craig of the Old North State announces that "power will be cut off the pardon bill during the month of February." The power is still on in South Carolina and has been for so long that the grist is about exhausted.

"People are just not built that way," says The Anderson Mail in its argument that eugenics "will not work out in practice." Nor will they be "built that way" until eugenics has been given an opportunity of proving its value to humanity.

In the resignation of Prof. W. H. Hand, state supervisor of high schools, the school system of South Carolina has lost an able and tireless worker, while Anderson College has gained a president in every way qualified for the high office he has been called to fill.

Congratulations to The Monroe Enquirer upon the completion of its twentieth year. Any newspaper, which like The Enquirer, has served its section faithfully and well for a score of years, deserves well at the hands of the people of that section. We wish this North Carolina exchange continued success.

South Carolina can ill afford to lose W. K. Tate, her supervisor of rural schools, who has resigned that position to accept the chair of rural education in the George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville. For the past sixteen years Professor Tate has lived and labored in South Carolina and his talents have been devoted unsparingly to the best interests of the state.

If Senator Christensen had paid no attention to the unwarranted reflection cast on the memory of his dead father by Gov. Blease in his special message to the legislature, and the senate had without any protest, let the message appear as usual in the journal, the governor would not have accomplished his purpose of making political capital out of nothing. But the governor, as usual, got the notoriety he craved.

**LET CHARITY BEGIN AT HOME.**  
"While the white churches of South Carolina are engaged in sending missionaries to 'Darkest Africa' to teach the negro in the jungles, the legislature of the state is passing a law to prohibit white persons from enlightening the negroes with whom they must live."—Spartanburg Herald.

## NOT GOOD READING.

We are not furnishing our readers with the details growing out of the finding of a little baby which was drowned by its putative father in a pond near Spartanburg in order to hide the shame of its parents. The publication thereof will not tend to elevate the tone of society. Only the morbidly curious would care to read about it. But unfortunately these are not a few. The city editor of The Spartanburg Herald in yesterday's issue, said:

"Throughout the day yesterday hundreds of persons, the majority of which were women, visited the morgue of Floyd's undertaking establishment and viewed the remains of the baby as it lay there. Mayor Floyd said that, in his opinion, a conservative guess would be that 15,000 people had seen the remains since last Saturday."

The parents are now in the custody of the law and will be put upon their trial in due time.

## DOLLARS VS. VOTES.

Mr. W. H. Parker of Birmingham, supposedly a friend of Congressman Underwood, has called the matter of Congressman Hobson's absence from his duties to the attention of the house with a view to having his salary stop while the redoubtable Hobson is campaigning in Alabama for the same place in the United States senate that Mr. Underwood covets. Whilst we think Underwood more fitted for the senate than his competitor, we are decidedly of the opinion that such tactics on the part of Mr. Underwood's friends will strengthen rather than weaken Hobson. Why should the line be drawn on Hobson when it has been the universal custom for senators and congressmen to go home campaigning while Congress is in session and at the same time draw their pay? Of course, if there is a law, however obsolete, against such practice, it should be enforced, but Hobson, whilst he may be the loser in dollars, will more than make it up in votes.

Remember, all back-sliders and ye who have fallen from grace, that church-going Sunday is to be made a permanent institution, recurring weekly and that next Sunday is as good as last for making a start. The idea is to get the habit.

## Where State and City Lag.

The State.  
"There is no insurance of nations so cheap as the enlightenment of the people." With these words quoted by R. M. Kennedy, librarian at the University of South Carolina, in a paper printed elsewhere in The State today, Andrew Carnegie succinctly expresses the real reasons which prompted him to divert so considerable a portion of his beneficence into a channel which brought direct physical good to no one and which implies the exertion of no little effort on the part of those who were to be the recipients of it.

Many people have found fault with Andrew Carnegie's business methods, many have challenged the sincerity of his protestations, but no one ever doubted the perspicuity of the Iron Master in the matter of ultimate returns. The United States Steel corporation and the Standard Oil Company directors can speak, if they will, of his business astuteness. The other side of the shield is the extent of his philanthropy. A world-factor for peace, a rich giver to direct educational institutions, Andrew Carnegie has nevertheless devoted the most notable part of his resources to the propagation of the reading habit. He has made it possible for the most poverty stricken city, if it will, to have a library of its own—a central station whence may radiate the wireless waves which, ahead even of the Hertzian carrier of words, bear power or through the land.

The lesson in this, for there is one, which lies close at home. South Carolina well may profit by it.

Of forty-eight States, South Carolina is one of eleven which have taken no action looking to the coordinate development of the reading habit. If the state is backward, if it fails even to give the color of its definite approval to the free public library, where may the individual be found to push the movement for the establishment of these outposts of true culture?

Let the State, then be up and doing. As explained in the paper by Mr. Kennedy previously referred to, the establishment of a state library commission is a matter of small expense, yet of vast possibility for the development of the reading predilection of the public. And without reading, be it said much of the teaching so expensively bestowed on the men and women of the future will be wasted. Those who get the maximum of profit from their schooling, of course, will read and will continue to read long after their school days are done, but the ordinary man or woman finds the reading field painfully restricted. It is to enlarge this field that the public library should and does direct its best efforts.

Herein, then, lies the crux of the problem. It is easy to get people to read, provided to physical means be at hand. The experience of the public libraries in other States has proved this beyond peradventure. Obviously, the point to be attained is the ready and liberal supplying of the reading public with the books it wishes to read.

The library commission, it seems, furnishes a substantial basis for all the efforts to be brought to bear in the future. It is, at least, the first

part of the State library system to be considered.

Through the State alone, of course, the greatest amount of good from the material available can be developed. By the work of lesser units, however, much can be accomplished.

The example of Hagerstown, Md., a city considerably smaller than Columbia, is quoted by Mr. Kennedy as being typical of what individual effort, strengthened by the application of expert knowledge, always to be secured, can do in a small area. There the county-city library unit has been developed to a high degree of efficiency.

## COUNTY NEWS

### ANTIOCH.

Special to The News.  
Antioch, Feb. 5.—Antioch, although it has been silent for quite a while, is quietly working and growing. We have been more fortunate than our neighboring communities in regard to measles. Only one family have had measles, that of Mr. Joe Mothershead, and they are well on the way to recovery.

Our school, under the management of Misses Minnie Caskey and Lillian Blakeney, is progressing nicely. Ninety-five pupils have been enrolled up to the present time. Our School Improvement Association recently purchased an organ for the school and several of our girls have begun the study of music. The Calhoun Literary Society was recently organized in our school. Let us hope it will prove worthy of its name.

Mrs. C. L. McManus spent Saturday night with her daughter, Mrs. C. O. Stogner, of Lancaster.

Mrs. B. L. Baker and Miss Ellen Baker spent Wednesday with their sister, Mrs. Pink Plyler, of Dixie.

Mrs. D. R. Williams of Lancaster was the guest of Mrs. M. A. Blackmon on Sunday.

Miss Odessa Lane has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Wilson, of Dixie, who has been quite sick.

C. C., the little son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Welsh, has been very ill for some time but is improving.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Parker of the Bethlehem section have been spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Henry Estridge.

### ELGIN.

Special to The News.  
Elgin, Feb. 4.—Mrs. J. S. Hagins, who has been quite ill, is recovering.  
Miss Maggie Bailey visited in Lancaster last week.

Mr. T. B. Duren returned Tuesday from a visit to friends in Rock Hill. Little Miss Isabel and Master Talmage Ferguson of Lancaster spent Saturday and Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bailey.

Miss Estelle Bailey returned Wednesday from a few days' visit in Rock Hill and Springdale.

Miss Maud Duren spent few days in Lancaster last week with her sister, Miss Onibel.

Mrs. Charles Johnson went to Columbia Wednesday to see her sister, Mrs. Lewis, who is dangerously ill.

Mrs. James Ferguson of Lancaster spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bailey.

### UNITY.

Special to The News.  
Unity, Feb. 5.—I have decided to come again as my first letter escaped the waste basket.

Everybody is enjoying the welcome sunshine. We hope the good weather may continue until spring.

Mr. H. B. McMurray is quite sick with measles. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Simpson visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Steele Saturday night.

Mrs. Mary L. Montgomery of the Creek section spent Monday with Mrs. J. C. Crenshaw.

Mrs. N. H. Hallman and daughter, Miss Nettie, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Starnes Tuesday.

Mr. H. Turner McGuire was a pleasant visitor in this section Saturday night.

Mr. J. P. Steele has returned from a business trip to Charlotte.

Miss Ida McMurray visited Miss Sallie Neill Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parks of the Tabernacle section visited at Mr. Charles Parks one day last week.

Mr. F. M. Steele paid a visit in this community Saturday night.

Mr. J. R. Starnes has just recovered from an attack of measles.

Mrs. L. V. Hinson, Mrs. D. R. Belk, Mrs. Charles Parks and Mrs. J. C. Crenshaw spent Wednesday at Mr. J. O. P. Neill's.

There was preaching at Unity Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. John W. Simpson.

We are glad to note that Mrs. J. C. Belk, who has been confined to her home with rheumatism, is now able to be out again.

Messrs. Heath Belk and D. V. Hinson have the contract of remodeling Mr. Abel Nelson's tenant houses.

### HEATH SPRING.

Special to The News.  
Heath Spring, Feb. 5.—The local council Junior Order United American Mechanics will present the public school with a national flag and a Bible on Monday afternoon, February 9th. The exercises will begin at 12:30, and the public is invited to be present. Mr. C. B. Webb of Statesville, N. C., national vice counselor, will take part in the ceremonies and will deliver an address on that occasion. Just preceding the presentation of the flag and Bible the schools will celebrate Washington's birthday with appropriate exercises.

Miss Bennie Gardner, who has been visiting Misses Anna and Rosa Ben-

nett, left Thursday for her home near Kershaw.

Mrs. S. W. Craig, who came over from Sincerity last week to spend a few days with her son, has returned to her home.

Mr. Thomas Bennett is confined to his room with measles.

Mr. S. W. Heath of Stoneboro was in town Thursday.

The oyster supper given by the Ladies' Aid Society last Friday night was a success despite the unfavorable weather.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Twitty went to Stoneboro Wednesday to visit Mrs. J. C. Hilliard.

## BACK AT US.

Quite a Distinction.  
So far the town of Lancaster is the only one that elected a mayor without opposition.—Tugaloo Tribune.

## Words Fitty Spoken.

"If silence indeed is golden, it must be hard for John Lind to count his wealth."—Lancaster News. Silence may be golden enough, but there is also such a thing as words fitty spoken being like apples of gold in pictures of silver.—Newberry Herald and News.

## No Harm Done Friday.

The Lancaster News, in speaking about the legislature, says that no harm was done Friday, as the body was not in session, but was on a junket to Florence; and this represents about what is really accomplished by the general assembly, meeting as it does every year and considering for the most part measures that are of no real interest or importance to the state, but are designed by some politician or politicians for selfish ends. A better enforcement of the laws already on the books is what the commonwealth needs, and not a constant increase of new measures.—Chester Reporter.

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### CITATION.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
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By J. E. Stewman, Judge of Probate.

Whereas, Ben C. Clyburn has made suit to me to grant him letters of administration of the estate and effects of Louise Stover, deceased.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of probate, to be held at Lancaster on Friday, February 20th, 1914, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the

said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 6th day of February, Anno Domini 1914.  
J. E. STEWMAN,  
Probate Judge.

### Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, as guardian of the estate of Gladys Faulkner, on the 26th day of February, 1914, make her final return as such guardian and apply to the probate court of Lancaster county for letters dismissory.

MRS. A. B. HEGLER,  
Guardian Estate of Gladys Faulkner.

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